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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Nucleic acids encoding the HSEBP of the present invention were first identified in Incyte Clone 989953 from the colon cDNA library (COLNNOT11) through a computer-generated search for